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Abstract of the Disclosure

A word recognizing apparatus extracts the feature amount from a given image, and dynamically composes the feature amount of a candidate word to be recognized which is registered in a word list, using feature amounts of characters registered in an individual character dictionary. Then, the apparatus collates the composed feature amount of the word with the feature amount extracted from the image, calculates the degree of similarity between the two feature amounts, and outputs a recognition result.

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